THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The CBSE has informed that as per prescribed design and blue print of the CBSE, there is no separate allocation of marks for theory and practical type of questions.

(c) The question is aimed at testing the application of the knowledge acquired by the students in the chapter on Company Accounts. However, in the making scheme care has been taken toward 50% marks to examinees who mentioned only the different types of share capital as given in the major heads of share capital.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) In view of the above no specific measures to compensate to the students in the evaluation of answer scripts are required by the CBSE. However, the detailed marking scheme formulated by the subject Experts after actual pretesting on the real and random samples of answer scripts contains comprehensive instructions in regard to fair, objective and valid evaluation.

Approval of Course by AICTE

4350. SHRI R. MARGABANDU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) authorities have not accorded approval to the course for the year 1997-98, although the concerned colleges of Orissa have complied with all the criteria fixed by the AICTE; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in the year 1997-98 has accorded approval to all the concerned colleges of Orissa who have complied with the Norms and Standards of AICTE.

Publication and Translation of Books in Regional Languages

4351. MISS FRIDA TOPNO . Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of publishing books under India's land and people series;

(b) how many titles have been published and translated in regional languages of India; and

(c) what steps would be taken to expedite publication and translation in different Indian languages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) The series "India—The Land and the People" of the National Book Trust, India aims to provide a broad based understanding of India through books on various facets of the country which have enriched the composite and colourful character of India. It also aims at enriching India's cultural heritage, natural environment, national economy, democratic institutions and services.

(b) Ninety-eight books have been published so far, as originals. Two hundred and twenty-five titles have been brought out as translations in twelve different languages.

(c) The publication programme of the trust is drawn up on year to year basis covering all languages. In each language, efforts are made to include such titles under different series which are felt to be of importance for the respective language readers and keeping in view marketability and availability of budget.

Material for Children in the World Book Fair

4352. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh titles for children were produced by the NBT at the occasion of World Book Fair, held by the National Book Trust, India recently, the accent being on reading materials for children;

(b) what specific steps were taken by NBT to promote book mindedness among the children; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the foreign publishers of children's books overwhelmed the visitors with their publications for children in English, as stated by BBC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL):

(a) Keeping in view, the accent on reading material on children, the National